

Applicant respectfully submits the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

Given that claims 2, 3, 4-6, 7-10, and 11-13 ultimately depend from claim 1, applicant submits claims 2-13 are likewise patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of the cited references.

Applicant submits the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been overcome.

Conclusion

In view of the arguments presented above, applicant respectfully submits the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Thus although claims 13-20 have already been found allowable, claims 1-12 should likewise be found to be in condition for allowance.

If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (512) 858-9910.

Respectfully submitted,

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